

MOON FOUND GUILTY BY JURY IN SUPERIOR COURT

Closing what has been one of the most interesting cases in the history of Cochise county, if not the state of Arizona, and establishing a precedent that will be the foundation of similar cases throughout the country, the verdict of the jury in the case of the State vs. Charles "Chet" Moon, last night, brought to an end a sensational and interesting trial which lasted the better part of a week.

History of Case

The defendant, known as "Chet" Moon, in Bisbee, where he has resided, was charged at the trial with having taken part in the robbery of the Treu Meat Market on the night of the 6th of September, when the big safe in the establishment was wrecked and \$2600 stolen, besides a small amount of silver from the cash register, which was also broken open.

Following the robbery, Sheriff J. J. McDonald, of Cochise county, to whom all the credit is due in running down the burglar, resulting in the conviction last night, got to work, arriving at the market a short time after the burglary had been discovered. Here not the slightest clue presented itself to the officer and it seemed as if there was not a thread of evidence to work on. But Sheriff McDonald, being a student of the fingerprint system, and ever since he began his term of office had installed in his office in Tombstone a complete record of fingerprint paraphernalia, while making a close examination of the interior of the office where the "job" was done, discovered what he knew to be a most damaging piece of evidence—the fingerprint of the burglar on the marble slab of the cash register, which had been left there while the burglar was in the act of breaking it open. He at once removed the slab and developed the finger prints.

Moon Arrested

Meanwhile he had given orders to his deputies to arrest all suspects and it was only a matter of twenty-four hours until Moon, along with several other suspects, were taken into custody. The taking of the prisoner's fingerprints on his arrival at the jail constituted the second link in the chain of evidence which was to be used against him for a comparison of the prints with those on the marble slab convinced the sheriff that he had his man, or at least one of them.

Finger Prints Tally

Satisfied with his own judgment, but in order that there would not be the least possible doubt of his conclusions, he sent the slab and his office prints to experts in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago, to four of the most noted fingerprint experts in the United States, in order that he may get their opinion. In every instance the prints were pronounced as made by the same man.

More Evidence

Other evidence in the chain was then uncovered link by link, including photographs by the score, a piece of skin found on the door sill of the office, which fit perfectly into a wound found on the prisoner's finger at the time of arrest, and the uncovering of a record in San Francisco, where he had been tried for assault to commit murder, the record of his fingerprint's there conforming to the last detail with those found on the marble slab and with the sheriff's office prints.

A Good Case

In the sheriff's mind the case was a cinch, so along, and working on an entirely new line of evidence, something which had never been tried before in this county, he compiled the evidence, bringing the fingerprint experts to Tombstone for the trial.

Testimony of Experts

Qualifying as experts in the case were Edward A. Evans, of Chicago, E. O. Heinrich, of Berkeley, Cal., Adolph Juel, head of the criminal identification bureau of San Francisco, and E. M. Sanders, head of the Los Angeles city bureau of criminal identification. By means of enlarged photographs of the finger print found on the cash register and an enlarged "roll" finger print of Moon, taken by Sheriff McDonald following Moon's arrest, they succeeded in convincing the jury that each was made by the same person. Altogether 21 points of comparison were taken up and proven. At one time in the trial, in order to prove that the experts knew what they

were about, each of the jury made a finger print and during the absence of the expert made a second. The first set was numbered and upon comparison of the first with the second set, the expert at once identified eight of them, but declared himself somewhat in doubt about the other four, which had been taken in faulty manner. Nevertheless he properly identified each of them. This demonstration convinced the jury that there was nothing haphazard about the system.

Interesting Trial

Needless to state, the trial was one of the most interesting in the history of the Superior court, occupying five days, during which time attorneys for the state, Messrs. Flannigan & Murry, assisted by Assistant County Attorney Roark and McKelligon presented the case chain by chain, just as the sheriff had uncovered it. The defense represented by Attorney S. K. Williams, was an attempt to prove an alibi, which took only the part of the day yesterday.

Verdict in Five Minutes

The case was closed at 3:30 in the afternoon, and arguments started by Assistant County Attorney Roark for the state, Attorney Williams following for the defense. At the night session, Attorney E. J. Flannigan for the state closed arguments and the case went to the jury at 8 o'clock. At 8:05 the jury returned into court with a verdict of guilty of burglary in the first degree, having taken but one ballot. The defendant faced his verdict without a wince and when taken to jail seemed to be in a happy mood.

Sheriff Deserves Credit

The result of the case has been watched throughout the county with interest, since it hinged purely on circumstantial evidence, and Sheriff McDonald deserves full credit for running down the burglar of the Treu Market, while with the closing of the case a precedent has been set that will be followed in many courts of the United States in similar cases.

WILL SPEAK IN TOMBSTONE

Col. Don Morgan Smith, commander of the First Battalion 35th Infantry, known as the "Battalion of Death" will speak in Tombstone at the Crystal theater on the 28th of November, at 7:30 p.m.

Col. Smith entered the war as a private and rose to the rank of Colonel. He tells the story of the war from the standpoint of the private soldier. "The American back private who won the war" is the way he puts it. The Colonel will speak for all hour and fifteen minutes. The first hour the speaker will tell his audience of the war as he and he men saw it. He entered the St. Mihiel drive with 110 men and came out with 27, and won the sobriquet "Battalion of Death" because of the terrible loss his command inflicted upon the Hun. The last fifteen minutes of his address he shows he similarly between the Hun over there and the Hun over here. He shows the danger from law violation and how it breeds anarchy and bolshevism.

His address is free and all are invited to attend. No one can listen to this lecture without loving his country more. His story is not a second-hand affair, but is told by a master orator who led his men in the thick of the fight and shared their fortunes thru it all. Be sure to hear him.

BARNES CIRCUS TO WINTER NEAR PHOENIX

At Phoenix the Al G. Barnes circus will close its season and, instead of wintering in Venice, Calif., where it has been wintering for the past ten years, Al G. Barnes has chosen Phoenix, Arizona, for his future headquarters.

Mr. Barnes has purchased 500 acres near Phoenix and all equipment from the old headquarters at Venice will be moved to Phoenix. Mr. Barnes will erect a headquarters and moving picture studio combined, which will cost nearly a million dollars. There will be over three hundred people in his employ during the winter and this valuable addition to Phoenix means that thousands of dollars will be spent in that city.

Cameron farmer threshes 70 acres wheat, 42 bushels to acre.

Miami—New mill of Miami Mining & Milling Co. ready to start work.

FIRE DESTROYS CHANDLER

GIN; LOSS IS \$30,000

PHOENIX, Nov. 24.—The gin of the Southwest Cotton company at Chandler was completely destroyed by fire, which broke out at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning and continued through the day. The estimated loss is \$30,000, fully protected by insurance. The origin is unknown.

The night crew at the gin does not work on Saturday night and a night watchman was the only person about the premises. At 6:30 o'clock he discovered the roof in flames and turned in the alarm. The operator of the Chandler telephone exchange notified all members of the day crew, twelve in all, who rushed to the scene, with many of the townspeople of Chandler.

Chemicals and water were poured on in vain, the flat and cotton seed proving excellent fuel. Tom Davis, foreman, Charles Collins, buyer, and Mr. Duffy, a clerk, were all present to do what was possible in keeping the fire from spreading.

The seed cotton storage house, containing 125,000 worth of cotton, was unharmed, and 300 bales in the yard also escaped. None of the cotton belonging to farmers and standing on wagons in the yard was touched by the flames.

Considerable quantities of cotton seed and unginned cotton within the building were lost, including a boxcar full of seed at one end of the gin and the equivalent of six cars lying loose inside the building. Ragging, ties, and various gin supplies were also lost.

300 TEACHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT INSTITUTE

DOUGLAS, Nov. 24.—The Cochise County Teachers' Institute assembled at the high school in Douglas yesterday morning with more than 300 teachers in attendance. The Rev. E. W. Simonson opened the session of the institute with prayer, which was followed by a song period led by Miss Marie Driscoll.

Miss Elsie Toles, county superintendent of schools, outlined briefly the aims of the institute, and announced that there are now six vacancies in the rural schools at the present time and that applicants for the vacancies should communicate with her. The next speaker was L. C. Rush, director of teaching at the University of California, who spoke upon "The Development of Child Life." Several other talks along the same line will be given during the time the institute is in session.

Miss McCracken, who has charge of the training school at Yuma, delivered an address on the fostering of child life and expression. Following this talk, section meetings were held. Miss McCracken was in charge of the primary and grammar school section and Mr. Rush of the high school section. When these meetings had been concluded the session adjourned to the afternoon, when routine work was taken up.

CITY RESIDENT FOR SIX YEARS IS DEAD

BISBEE, Nov. 25.—Mr. John Gundy, Sr., who has been a resident of Bisbee for six years, died at noon yesterday at his home in upper Tombstone canyon. The cause of death was pulmonary tuberculosis.

Mr. Gundy came to the Warren district from Negaunee, Mich., to which city the body will be shipped for interment. Besides his wife he leaves 19 children, all of whom were present at the bedside when the end came. One of his sons and his wife will accompany the body to Michigan.

Funeral services will be held at the residence in upper Tombstone canyon at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the Rev. C. W. Harshman, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Mr. Gundy was a member of the Sons of St. George and the Loyal Order of Moose. He was 52 years of age.

GLOBE, ARIZONA, STARTS NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

GLOBE, Nov. 24.—Globe is prospering as never before. School buildings under construction will cost \$290,000, the new sewer system \$235,000, 100 new electric meters were installed during the past two months, a half dozen new business blocks have been raised within the same time and 25 residences are under construction.

WARREN GIRL WEBS

DISCHARGED OFFICER

BISBEE, Nov. 25.—Miss Anna Wallace, one of the most popular young women of the younger set in the Warren district, who has hosts of friends throughout Cochise county, was married to Capt. Charles Pickrel, of Tucson, at Long Beach, Calif., at noon on last Saturday, according to an announcement made here yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by a few relatives and friends.

Mrs. Pickrel, in addition to her social activities in the Warren district, will be remembered for the place which she had taken in the musical life of the district and of Tucson, where she also has many friends. Her husband, Capt. Pickrel, who is now livestock inspector of Pima county, served for more than a year with the American expeditionary forces in France. He is also known as one of the lecturers of the state university. Capt. and Mrs. Pickrel will reside in Tucson.

MESA FACING FAMINE OF THANKSGIVING SWEETS

MESA, Nov. 24.—Cakes and candies for the Thanksgiving dinner and evening will be more scarce this year than ever in the past. This was the prediction this morning of local bakers, candy manufacturers and dealers, and grocers. Lack of sugar in all parts of the country, and the actual famine conditions in the west and the southwest are pointed to as reasons for the scarcity of sweets.

Candy manufacturers throughout this territory are faced with the possibility that they will have to resort entirely to syrups and other substitutes to be able to meet any of their former trade, while it is possible that the chocolate cream and other candies which require large amounts of sugar, will disappear for at least a short time.

Bakers of the city fear that lack of sugar will prevent their making any special effort to cater to the needs of the Thanksgiving public. It is highly probable, they state, that no cakes nor pies, nor candied cookies, so popular for holiday occasions, will be produced this week.

PLANS LAID FOR ANTI-PROFITEERING MEET, PHOENIX

PHOENIX, Nov. 24.—Final arrangements for the anti-profiteering conference called by Michael E. Palmer, U. S. attorney general, were completed at a conference between Governor Campbell, Wiley E. Jones, attorney general, and Thomas A. Flynn, U. S. district attorney.

As a result a call has been issued to all county attorneys, chairmen of boards of supervisors and chairmen of active fair-price boards for the general conference, which will be held at the capitol at 2 p. m. December 5th.

At that time a representative of the United States attorney general's office will explain the working of the new fair price law designed to prevent profiteering in food, shoes and wearing apparel, and will suggest steps for the proper enforcement of the law in Arizona.

George H. Smalley, federal fair price commissioner for Arizona, will attend the coming conference to report on what already has been accomplished in this state and to make suggestions for the proposed campaign against the high cost of living.

100 CASES SET IN U. S. COURT

PHOENIX, Nov. 24.—Cases involving more than 100 defendants will be set for trial in the federal court by Judge William H. Sawtelle at Tucson tomorrow, it was announced here today by Thomas A. Flynn, United States district attorney. These defendants are residents of the Globe-Miami district. They are charged with violations of the war-time prohibition measure in the manufacture of home-made wines and other liquors, more than 10,000 gallons of which were seized.

The Globe cases will be heard in Globe during December, and with a crowded calendar to be taken up in Tucson in January, there is little likelihood of the federal court being in session here until next April, according to federal officials. Efforts are now being made to secure an outside judge.

NACO POSTMASTERSHIP EXAMINATION DEC. 17

At the request of the postmaster general the United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Bisbee, Ariz., on Dec. 17, 1919, for the position of postmaster at Naco. This office has an annual compensation of \$1,000.

To be eligible for his examination an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must actually reside within the delivery of the office and have so resided at the time the present vacancy occurred.

Applicants must have reached their 21st year, but not their 65th birthday on the date of the examination.

Application Form 2241 and full information concerning the requirements of the examination may be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Application should be properly submitted and filed with the commission at Washington, D. C., in time to arrange for the examination of the applicant.

PIONEER MINING MAN OF COMMUNITY DIES

BISBEE, Nov. 25.—Joseph Curley, a mining man of wide acquaintance in the Warren district, who had been a resident in Bisbee for 17 years, died at his residence at 54 upper Lowell at 12 o'clock Sunday night at the age of 68 years. Death was caused by a complication of diseases.

Mr. Curley was born in Detroit, Mich., and came to Bisbee 17 years ago from Leadville, Colo. Since arriving in the Warren district he had lived here continuously.

With him at the hour of death was his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Shea, of San Francisco, who had been visiting in Denver and who came to Bisbee immediately upon receipt of the news of the seriousness of Mr. Curley's illness. Besides Mrs. Shea, Mr. Curley leaves three stepsons, Timothy and Jerry McCarthy of Bisbee, and Dan McCarthy of Butte, Mont.

The body will lie in state today at the parlors of the Hennessy Undertaking establishment. It will be shipped tonight to Leadville for interment.

SONORA "PROHIBITION" LAW IS PARAGON OF WETNESS

NOGALES, Nov. 24.—Upon the publication of the new Sonora liquor regulation law in the official paper of that state, Sonora will become six per cent "wet" generally speaking. While the law is designated as a prohibition law, popular interest in the measure has been aroused by what it permits and on the Arizona side of the line it is regarded by the thrifty as a beneficent permissive law rather than a drastic prohibitory law, for it is said by experimenters that one may "get fun and good money" on a six per cent backaction brew.

Moreover, while the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages containing more than six per cent of alcoholic content is prohibited, wines made from grapes, cider, and champagne are specifically exempted from the inhibition, so the Vin Sisters are singled out for favor by the Sonora government.

POPULAR COURTLAND COUPLE MARRIED.

A quiet wedding was announced in Courtland last week, when Claude O. Jordan took as his bride Miss Clara Marion Brown, the wedding having been performed in Tombstone, at the Congregational church, on the 17th. Rev. C. W. Stark reading the ceremony. Only relatives and friends of the family were present. The young couple is well and favorably known in Courtland and the valley, their marriage coming as a surprise to their many friends, having been unannounced. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brown and resided in Courtland with her parents for a number of years, while the groom is also one of the well known young men of the district, and is at present employed at Cull's store. The couple has taken one of Judge Bolton's cottages, where they are now at home.

WAS CLOSE CALL FOR POLICE OFFICER HERE

MIAMI, Nov. 25.—Police Officer Cole had a close call at the hands of Mexican gamblers about eight o'clock last night. Officer Cole had raided a gambling game in Turkey Shoot canyon and arrested six gamblers in a pool hall. He was bringing the half dozen men to town when a seventh appeared. This Mexican walked past Cole until even with the line of arrested men. He then turned and fired three times. One of the bullets struck Cole just above the waist line, inflicting a slight wound. Cole fired his revolver four times. The Mexicans ran. Later, in company with other officers, Cole arrested three of the Mexicans.

ENGINEERS TO PLAN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PHOENIX, Nov. 24.—The part of the Phoenix chapter of the American Association of Engineers will take in the national membership drive of that organization which will be launched December 1 will be discussed at a meeting of the local members at the city hall at 8 o'clock tonight.

There will be eight teams organized at this meeting for the purpose of carrying on the membership campaign. It is also planned to adopt a constitution for the newly formed Phoenix chapter. Business matters including committee reports and bill will be taken up.

SUGAR SHORTAGE ACUTE

BISBEE, Nov. 25.—That the necessary limiting of sales of sugar during the present shortage has caused an orgy of hysterical sugar buying on the part of about half the population of the Warren district, and that if there is any hoarding it is on the part of the consumer and not the wholesaler or retailer, were facts disclosed yesterday by inquiries into the general local sugar situation.

Inquiries yesterday also revealed that, far from a tendency to profiteer in sugar on the part of local merchants during the present unavoidable sugar shortage, the current price of sugar in Bisbee is lower than in other surrounding Arizona cities.

Chloride—Diana mine continuing to sink shaft, good ore encountered.

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